

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1201

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Oak Ridge Fire Department upon being named First Responder Department of the Year in Anderson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of the State of Tennessee are profoundly grateful to our more than 30,000 firefighters, in 670 full-time and volunteer departments, who are the first called to save lives and treat the injured during catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, horrific events of the recent past, particularly those of September 11, 2001, have served to reinforce the iconic image citizens of our State and Nation already have for the brave men and women serving as firefighters and who have chosen a profession which more than occasionally places them in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of citizens, the Oak Ridge Fire Department, has recently been named First Responder Department of the Year in Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, after much deliberation, the difficult decision of bestowing such an honor was cemented as the Oak Ridge Fire Department has displayed exemplary service to the citizens of Oak Ridge and Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mack Bailey and the staff of the Oak Ridge Fire Department make up the only First Response Advanced Life Support department in the Anderson County Emergency Services System, and they have been diligent in reaching out to the community by teaching their own in-house EMT program; and

WHEREAS, the heroic actions of the firefighters who protect our communities coupled with their unflinching valor in helping those in need, often at great cost to themselves, have inspired generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to honor the gallant service of the firefighters of the Oak Ridge Fire Department as they have put the safety of the citizens of Oak Ridge and Anderson County before their own; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief Mack Bailey and the Oak Ridge Fire Department upon being named First Responder Department of the Year in Anderson County, and extend to them our utmost gratitude for their unwavering commitment to the safety of the citizens of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.